

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1648
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ESIC SCHEME FOR BIDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to include bidi workers in the ESIC schemes;
- (b) if so, whether any statistical survey regarding the fund required for this purpose has been conducted;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government propose to amend the laws with regard to ESIC to include unorganised labour; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (c): The ESIScheme i s applicable t o power-using factories employing 1 0 o r more persons a nd non-power using factories/establishments employing 20 or more persons. The beedi Workers employed in such factories/establishments and drawing wages up to Rs. 6500/- per month are already coverable under the ESI Scheme. However, keeping in view the contributory nature of the ESI Scheme, its area-wise application and other administrative problems it has not been considered possible to extend the ESI Scheme to `home workers` in beedi industry.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.